

EXECUTIVE ORDER 2020-04

An Order Extending the Payment Deadline for Municipal Taxes

WHEREAS: The State of Rhode Island and the City of Warwick are dealing with unique conditions caused by the novel, contagious, and dangerous COVID-19 virus, which has been declared a pandemic by the World Health Organization; and,

WHEREAS: On Friday, March 13, 2020, Mayor Joseph J. Solomon issued Executive Order 2020-02, declaring a State of Emergency and Municipal State of Emergency in the City of Warwick; and,

WHEREAS: Federal, State, and City officials have been forced to take drastic measures, in the interest of public health and safety, to help contain the spread of the COVID-19 virus; and,

WHEREAS: Residents and business owners throughout the City are currently adjusting to the conditions imposed by the State's aggressive social distancing campaign, which precludes individuals from gathering in crowds of more than 25 people at a time; and,

WHEREAS: Mayor Joseph J. Solomon understands, and is acutely sympathetic to, the economic stress placed upon Warwick's residents and businesses due to COVID-19; and,

WHEREAS: It is reasonable to expect that Warwick's residents and businesses will require additional time to plan their finances, and, in some cases, apply for Federal and State assistance;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, THAT I, JOSEPH J. SOLOMON, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF WARWICK, do hereby order that the deadlines for payments for City taxes and utilities are extended in order to mitigate hardship on Warwick's residents and its business community. Payment deadlines for personal and commercial property taxes, as well as motor vehicle taxes and tangible taxes, are hereby extended until May 15, 2020. Utility bills are hereby extended until June 1, 2020. Sewer assessment fees are hereby extended until June 15, 2020.

This Executive Order shall take effect immediately upon signature.

Joseph J. Solomøn

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MARCH 17, 2020